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MODERNISATION OF PARCEL BOOKING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways have a proposal to modernize their parcel booking system at all railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this process will start?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTARAYA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, booking of parcel traffic at Delhi, New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway stations of Northern Railway and Howrah station of Eastern Railway has been computerized. Further, the rate structure for booking of parcel and luggage traffic has been simplified and rationalized. All types of commodities, including luggage, will now be charged uniformly at the same rate, under four scales, depending on the type of service selected by the customer. The concept of running Parcel Express trains on scheduled time tabled path has been introduced.

(c) The modernization of facilities on Railways including parcel-booking systems is an on-going process, depending upon the necessity and availability of funds.